

IT-Documentation

Overview

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1. The Basics

The OCLC Worldshare library database system needs current patron (=staff, faculty, students) data delivered in XML format.

The process of extracting patron data daily at 6:30 a.m. is fully automated.

SQL Server Agent job *OCLC Patron Extract* on our Jenzabar server runs SSIS package *OCLCPatrons.dtsx* which submits stored procedure *iit_oclc_patron_load* and scripts the resulting output into a file named *XYZ_yyyy_mm_dd_Patrons.xml*, which is subsequently uploaded to OCLC's FTP- server.

The process contains several challenges:

How to make sure we only submit changes (new patrons, or changed patron details) to the patron database after the initial full load?

How to produce the OCLC-formatted XML file out of our Jenzabar SQL server database with SSIS?

How to create a file name with the date in it?

How to make the SQL Server Agent job pass on the password for the FTP step?

2. Tables `iit_OCLC_patron_record/...._prev`

These two tables work together to determine which patron records are new, have changed, or need to be de-activated.

Table `iit_OCLC_patron_record` is emptied out and then re-filled with the complete set of all patron records in their current state at the beginning of each execution of stored procedure `iit_oclc_patron_load`.

Stored procedure `iit_oclc_patron_load` then compares the latest (the one with the youngest `status_date`) condition of each patron record from the previous execution, recorded in `iit_oclc_patron_record_prev`, with the current state of that particular record.

The latest status of all new, changed, and deleted/disabled patron records is then inserted into `iit_oclc_patron_record_prev`, setting the `status_date` to today's date.

3. Stored Procedure `iit_oclc_patron_load`

This stored procedure works with two tables:

`iit_oclc_patron_record`, which contains the latest full detail patron dataset and is emptied out and refilled each time the procedure runs.

`iit_oclc_patron_record_prev` keeps track of the history of patron records. A status date tells us, what the record was on a certain date.

By comparing these two tables the procedure can find new patron records, changed patron records, and expired patron records for submission to OCLC. Patron records are never deleted from OCLC's database, they are simply marked as "inactive".

The two tables contain all data elements required by OCLC. They have to be sent to the XML file in the exact order and with the exact same, case sensitive, tag names as described in OCLC's documentation.

You would have to develop your own procedure to extract data out of your Banner database. And fill your custom "staging table" for OCLC.

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The “beef” of this stored procedure is the last portion, where it builds the actual XML output by selecting only the latest records out of iit_oclc_patron_record_prev:

```

SELECT '1234' AS '@institutionId',
       rtrim(sourceSystem) AS 'correlationInfo/sourceSystem',
       rtrim(idAtSource) AS 'correlationInfo/idAtSource',
       rtrim(prefix) AS 'nameInfo/prefix',
       rtrim(givenName) AS 'nameInfo/givenName',
       rtrim(middleName) AS 'nameInfo/middleName',
       rtrim(familyName) AS 'nameInfo/familyName',
       rtrim(suffix) AS 'nameInfo/suffix',
       rtrim(dateOfBirth) AS 'dateOfBirth',
       rtrim(gender) AS 'gender',
       rtrim(barcode) AS 'wmsCircPatronInfo/barcode',
       rtrim(barcodeStatus) AS 'wmsCircPatronInfo/barcodeStatus',
       rtrim(borrowerCategory) AS 'wmsCircPatronInfo/borrowerCategory',
       rtrim(circRegistrationDate) AS 'wmsCircPatronInfo/circRegistrationDate',
       rtrim(circExpirationDate) AS 'wmsCircPatronInfo/circExpirationDate',
       rtrim(homeBranch) AS 'wmsCircPatronInfo/homeBranch',
       rtrim(emailAddress) AS 'contactInfo/email/emailAddress',
       CASE
         when emailAddress is not NULL then 'true'
         else NULL
       END as 'contactInfo/email/isPrimary',
       NULL, -- this starts a new <contactInfo> tag for the address
       rtrim(streetAddressLine1) AS
         'contactInfo/physicalLocation/postalAddress/streetAddressLine1',
       rtrim(streetAddressLine2) AS
         'contactInfo/physicalLocation/postalAddress/streetAddressLine2',
       rtrim(cityOrLocality) AS 'contactInfo/physicalLocation/postalAddress/cityOrLocality',
       rtrim(stateOrProvince) AS 'contactInfo/physicalLocation/postalAddress/stateOrProvince',
       rtrim(postalCode) AS 'contactInfo/physicalLocation/postalAddress/postalCode',
       rtrim(country) AS 'contactInfo/physicalLocation/postalAddress/country',
       rtrim(number) AS 'contactInfo/physicalLocation/phone/number',
       CASE
         when noTelephoneCalls = 1 then 'true'
         else 'false'
       END AS 'preferences/noTelephoneCalls'

FROM iit_OCLC_patron_record_prev
WHERE status_date > dateadd(hour,-5,getdate())

FOR XML PATH ('persona'),
         ROOT ('oclcPersonas');

```

4. SIS Package OCLC-Patrons.dtsx

4.1. Producing an XML output file

Our SSIS package is invoked with a simple .bat file:

```
REM -----
REM --
REM -- produce the OCLC patrons data XML file
REM --
REM -----
dtexec /DTS "\\MSDB\OCLC-Patrons" /SERVER pharos /MAXCONCURRENT " -1 " /CHECKPOINTING OFF
/REPORTING V
```

Once you have a stored procedure that contains your “SELECT..... FOR XML” statement you are ready to build your SSIS package to run that stored procedure and produce the actual XML file output.

The screenshot displays the SSIS package development environment in Visual Studio. The Variables window on the left shows a table with the following data:

Name	Scope	Data Type	Value
path	OCLC-Patrons	String	C:\@KB\IT-A...
XMLVariable	OCLC-Patrons	String	

The Control Flow Designer on the right shows a control flow with two tasks: an Execute SQL Task followed by a Script Task, connected by a downward arrow. A red circle highlights these two tasks. Red arrows point from the instructions to the corresponding elements in the screenshot.

1. create a string variable called "XMLVariable"

2. create a new OLEDB connection to Pharos

3. create a new flatfile connection called "XMLFile"

4. add "Execute SQL Task", "Script Task", and connect the two in your control flow

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Right-click the “execute SQL Task” box, select “Edit”. In the “General” section change “Result Set” to XML, set “connection” to your Pharos data base connection, and enter “Exec iit_OCLC_patron_load” for the SQLStatement.

Note that *iit_OCLC_patron_load* is the name of our stored procedure that contains a “....FOR XML.....” construct.

right-click, Edit

1. Result Set XML

2. Connection PHAROS.TmsePRD

3. SQL Statement exec iit_OCLC_patron_load

General	
Name	Execute SQL Task
Description	Execute SQL Task
Options	
TimeOut	0
CodePage	1252
Result Set	
ResultSet	XML
SQL Statement	
ConnectionType	OLE DB
Connection	PHAROS.TmsePRD
SQLSourceType	Direct input
SQLStatement	exec iit_OCLC_patron_load
IsQueryStoredProcedure	False
BypassPrepare	True

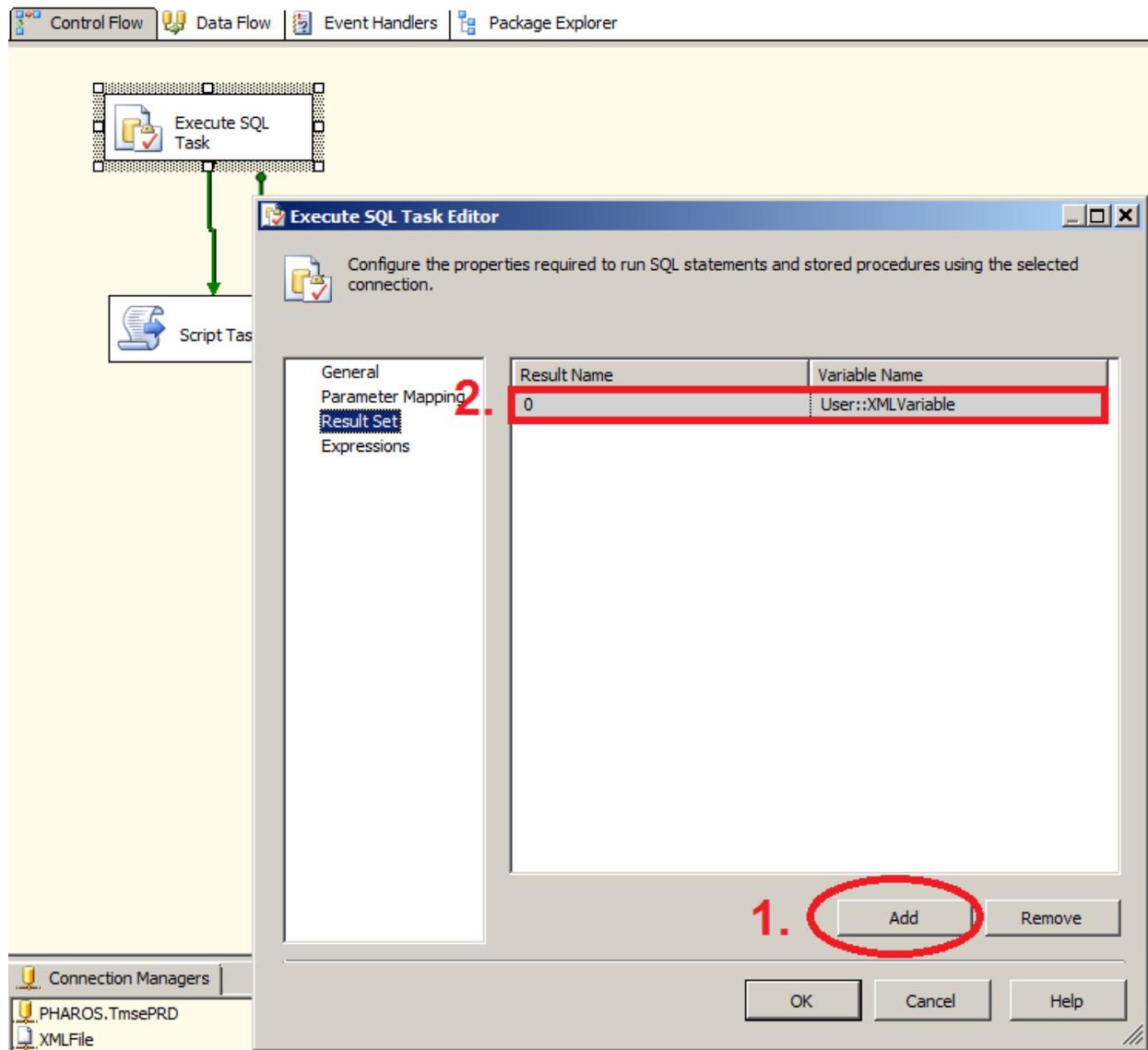
Name
Specifies the name of the task.

Browse... Build Query... Parse Query

OK Cancel Help

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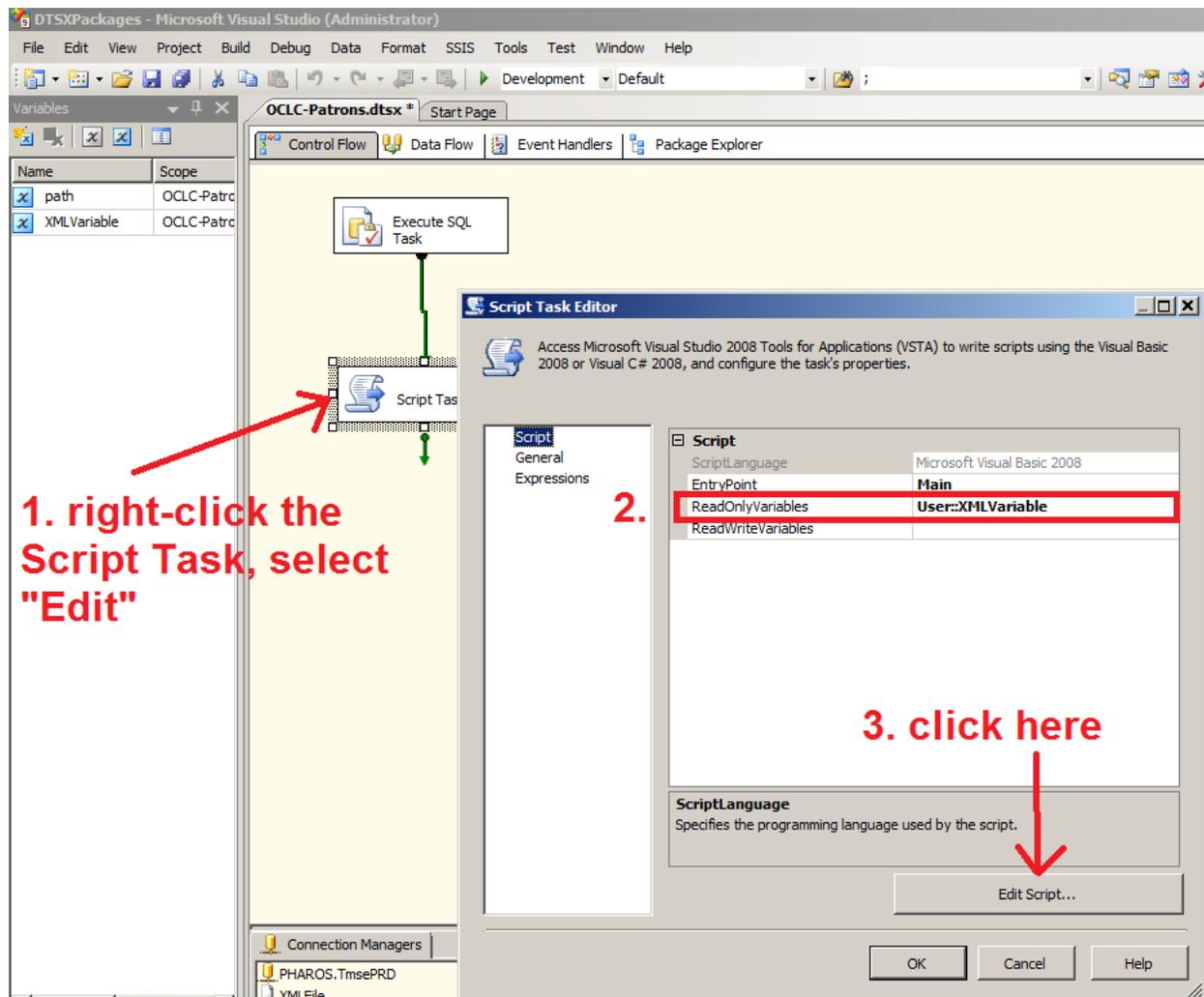
Still on edit the “Execute SQL Task”, not the “*Result Set*” section, click the “Add” button, and then enter “0” for the result name and “*User::XMLVariable*” for the variable name.



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Next we will build the script that accepts output from the stored procedure and writes that into the XML file.

Right-click on the script task in your SSIS package, select "Edit".
In the "script" section set the ReadOnlyVariable to *User::XMLVariable*.
Then click the "Design (or Edit) Script" button.



The script's task is to turn the XML output stream into an .xml file. OCLC is very picky about what the root tag needs to look like. The *WITH XMLNAMESPACES* ... part of our stored procedure only works partially. The *xsi:schemaLocation* piece required in `<oclcPersonas>` seems impossible to create? So I decided to use the script in our SSIS package for this additional function.

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We want to replace the “Main” subroutine in this script template with this code:

```
' Microsoft SQL Server Integration Services Script Task
' Write scripts using Microsoft Visual Basic 2008.
' The ScriptMain is the entry point class of the script.

Imports System
Imports System.Data
Imports System.Math
Imports Microsoft.SqlServer.Dts.Runtime

<System.AddIn.AddIn("ScriptMain", Version:="1.0", Publisher:"", Description:="")> _
<System.CLSCompliantAttribute(False)> _
Partial Public Class ScriptMain
    Inherits Microsoft.SqlServer.Dts.Tasks.ScriptTask.VSTARTScriptObjectModelBase

    Enum ScriptResults
        Success = Microsoft.SqlServer.Dts.Runtime.DTSExecResult.Success
        Failure = Microsoft.SqlServer.Dts.Runtime.DTSExecResult.Failure
    End Enum

    ' The execution engine calls this method when the task executes.
    ' To access the object model, use the Dts property. Connections, variables, events,
    ' and logging features are available as members of the Dts property as shown in the
    ' following examples.
    '
    ' To reference a variable, call Dts.Variables("MyCaseSensitiveVariableName").Value
    ' To post a log entry, call Dts.Log("This is my log text", 999, Nothing)
    ' To fire an event, call Dts.Events.FireInformation(99, "test", "hit the help message",
    ' "", 0, True)
    '
    ' To use the connections collection use something like the following:
    ' ConnectionManager cm = Dts.Connections.Add("OLEDB")
    ' cm.ConnectionString = "Data Source=localhost;
    ' Initial Catalog=AdventureWorks;Provider=SQLNCLI10;
    ' Integrated Security=SSPI;Auto Translate=False;"
    '
    ' Before returning from this method, set the value of Dts.TaskResult to indicate success
    ' or failure.
    '
    ' To open Help, press F1.

    Public Sub Main()
        ' Add your code here

        Dim XMLString As String = Nothing
        Dim fs As IO.StreamWriter = Nothing

        Dim strFilename As String =
        DirectCast(Dts.Connections("XMLFile").AcquireConnection(Dts.Transaction), String)

        XMLString = Dts.Variables("XMLVariable").Value.ToString.Replace("<ROOT>", _
            "").Replace("</ROOT>", "").Replace("<oclcPersonas>", _
            "<oclcPersonas xmlns=""http://worldcat.org/xmlschemas/IDMPersonas-1.1"" _
            xmlns:xsi=""http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"" _
            xsi:schemaLocation=""http://worldcat.org/xmlschemas/IDMPersonas-1.1 _
            http://worldcat.org/xmlschemas/IDMPersonas/1.1/IDMPersonas-1.1.xsd"">")

        fs = New IO.StreamWriter(strFilename, False) 'overwrite the file if exists, true=append
        fs.Write(XMLString)
        fs.Close()

        Dts.TaskResult = ScriptResults.Success
    End Sub

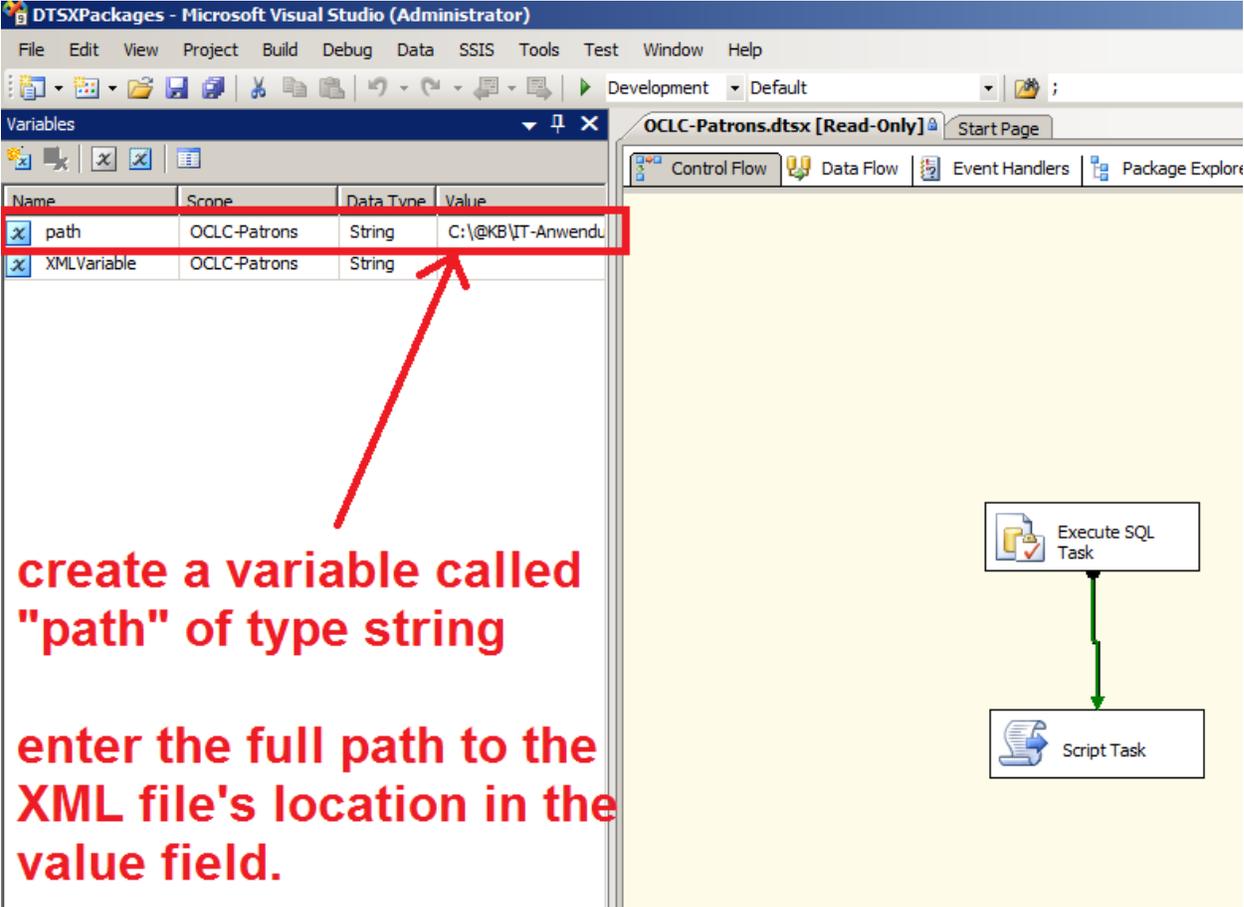
End Class
```

4.2. Dynamically create a file name containing today's date

OCLC needs the XML file's name in a very specific format, containing the date that it was produced as part of the name. File names need to look something like this:

XYZ_2013_02_05_Patrons.xml

To achieve this we create an *expression* in SSIS to modify the file name accordingly.



The screenshot shows the Microsoft Visual Studio interface for a DTSX package named "OCLC-Patrons.dtsx". The Variables window is open, displaying a table with the following data:

Name	Scope	Data Type	Value
path	OCLC-Patrons	String	C:\@KB\IT-Anwendu
XMLVariable	OCLC-Patrons	String	

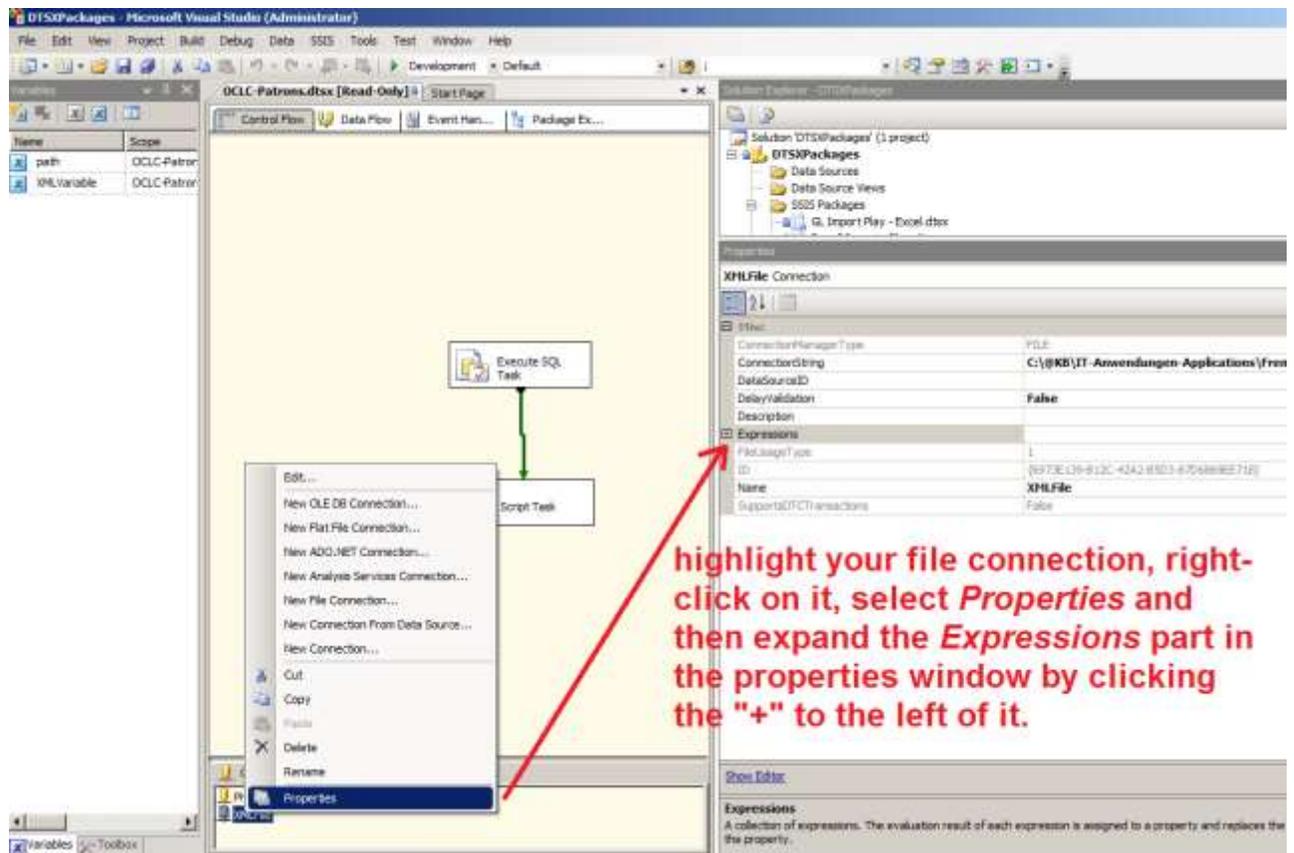
A red box highlights the "path" variable row, and a red arrow points to the "Value" column. Below the screenshot, red text provides instructions: "create a variable called 'path' of type string" and "enter the full path to the XML file's location in the value field." The right side of the screenshot shows a package diagram with an "Execute SQL Task" connected to a "Script Task".

The *path* variable will be used to build the final name for our output file.

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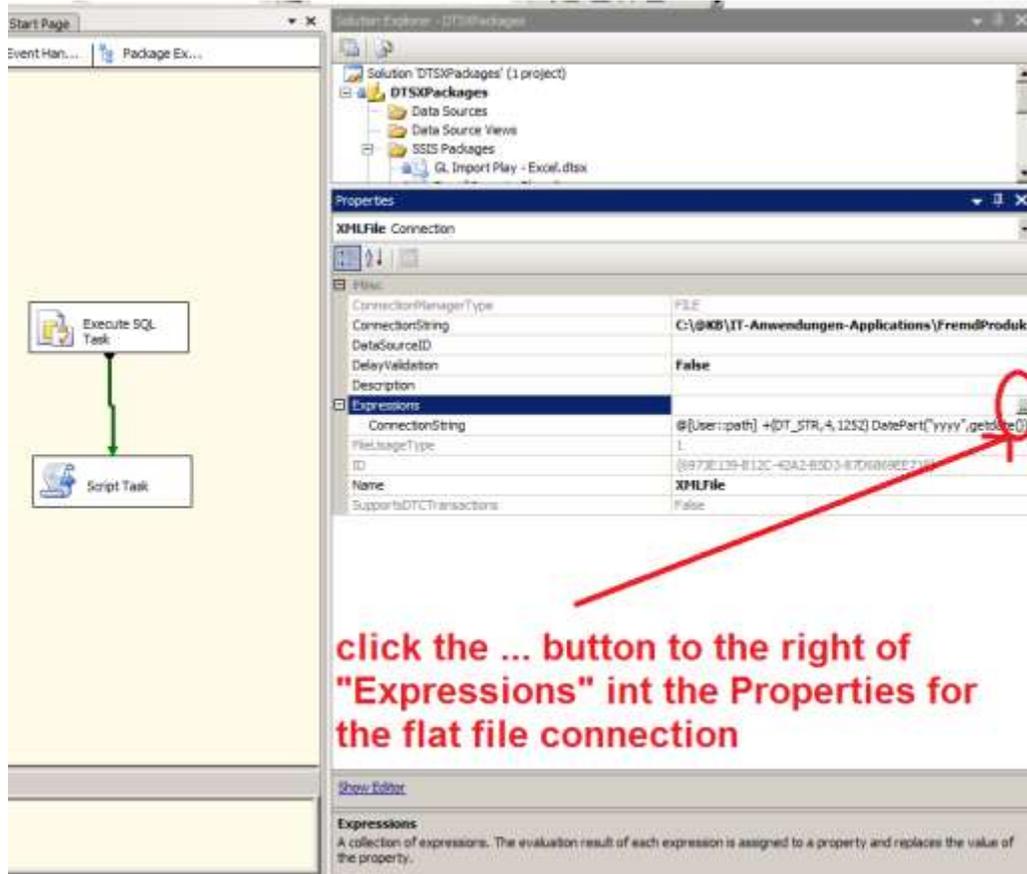
Next you will right-click the flat file connection (the one for your XML file) and go to “properties”.

When you first enter a new expression, the **...** button will be immediately visible on the properties window. Later in the game, when your expression already has content, you will have to click the ‘+’ to the left of the expression first to be able to edit it.

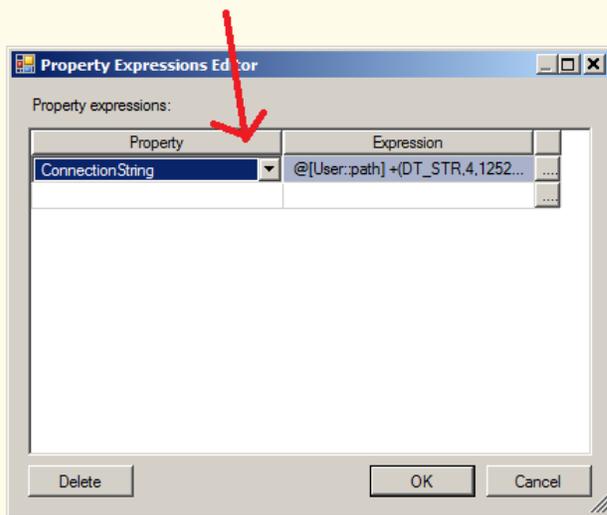


highlight your file connection, right-click on it, select *Properties* and then expand the *Expressions* part in the properties window by clicking the "+" to the left of it.

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the property expressions editor pops up. select ConnectionString

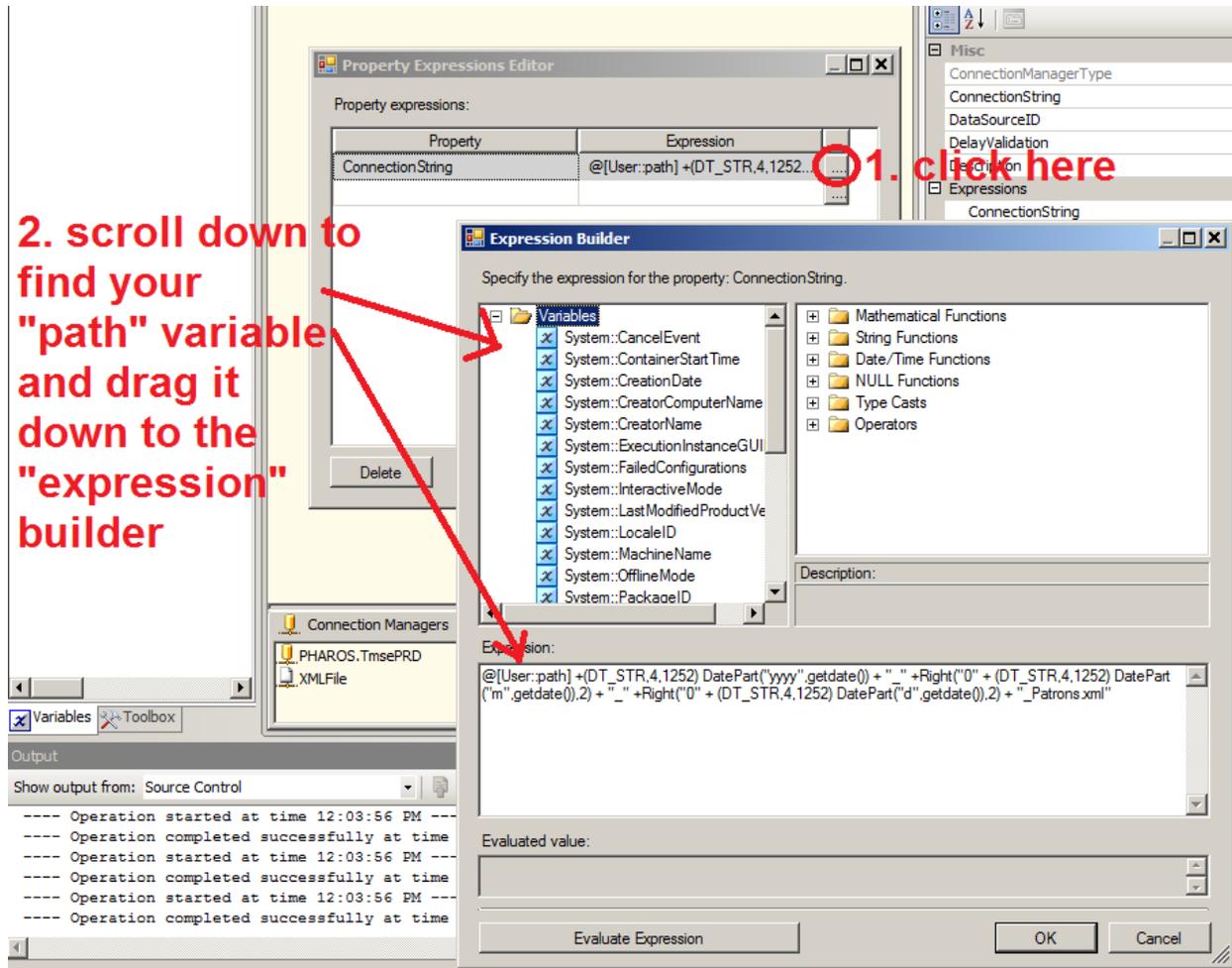


When you first create the expression, this pop-up editor will be empty. Select "ConnectionString" on the left (=property) side.

Then you click the ... box to the right to make the expression builder box show up. That is where you will do the scripting to add a date into the file name.

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First find the “path” variable which you should have created earlier. Drag that into the expression builder workspace. After you dragged the variable down, you can hit “evaluate expression” to make sure it looks like what you expect to see so far.



Type your code into the expression builder:

```
@[User::path] +
(DT_STR,4,1252) DatePart("yyy",getdate()) + "_" +
Right("0" + (DT_STR,4,1252) DatePart("m",getdate()),2) + "_" +
Right("0" + (DT_STR,4,1252) DatePart("d",getdate()),2) + "_Patrons.xml"
```

When you're done click “Evaluate Expression” to verify your code:

C:\@KB\IT-Anwendungen-Applications\FremdProdukte-Others\LibraryDatabases/XML-Files\XYZ_2013_02_05_Patrons.xml

The green parts come from the “path” variable, the blue parts come from your expression code.

Click OK, save and test your SSIS package.

4.3. Uploading the file to OCLC's server via FTP

The last step in our SSIS package is an FTP task which will upload the XML file to OCLC's server using Indiana Tech's FileX FTP account credentials.

SSIS's FTP Task needs two new connections in the connection manager.

The FTP Connection Manager contains logon details for the remote server; the file connection is a copy of our existing XML file with just one different property.

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Visual Studio interface for an SSIS package named "OCLC-Patrons.dtsx". The package flow consists of three tasks: "Execute SQL Task", "Script Task", and "FTP Task", connected in sequence. A dialog box titled "Add SSIS Connection Manager" is open, showing a list of connection manager types. The "FTP" type is selected. The dialog box also includes a table of connection manager types and descriptions.

Type	Description
ADO	Connection manager for ADO connections
ADO.NET	Connection manager for ADO.NET connections
CACHE	Connection manager for cache
EXCEL	Connection manager for Excel files
FILE	Connection manager for files
FLATFILE	Connection manager for flat files
FTP	Connection manager for FTP connections
HTTP	Connection manager for HTTP connections
MSMQ	Connection manager for the Message Queue task
MSOLAP100	Connection manager for Analysis Services connecti..
MULTIFILE	Connection manager for multiple files
MULTIFLATFILE	Connection manager for multiple flat files
ODBC	Connection manager for ODBC connections
OLEDB	Connection manager for OLE DB connections
SMOServer	Connection manager for SQL Server transfer tasks

right click in the Connection Managers area and add an FTP connection

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Set the properties for your FTP connection following the instructions that you received from OCLC about manually uploading your patron files.

Server name: ftp2.oclc.org
Server port: leave empty
User name: xyz (=your institution code with OCLC)
Password: passWord (this is case sensitive, your password for OCLC ftp)

right click on your FTP Connection Manager, select Edit, and fill out the pop-up

Then click "Test Connection"

Name	Scope
path	OCLC-Patron
XMLVariable	OCLC-Patron

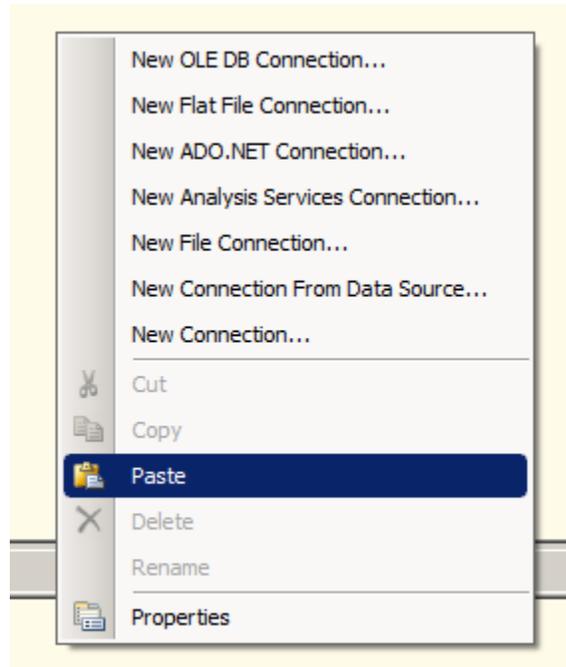
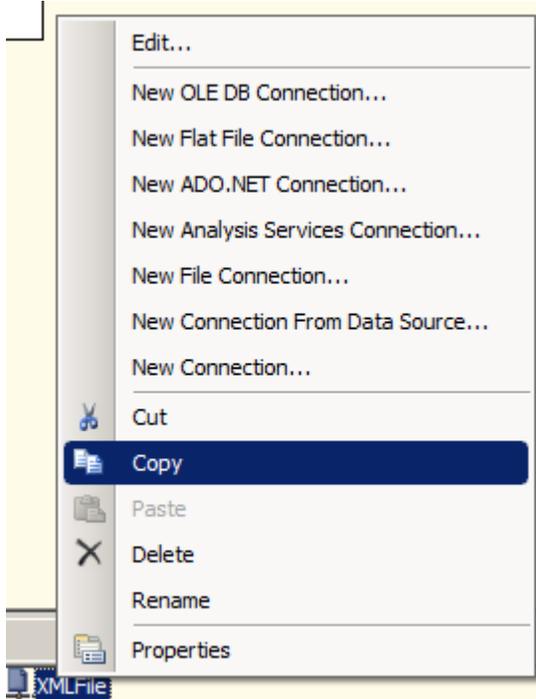
Server settings	
Server name:	ftp2.oclc.org
Server port:	

Credentials	
User name:	xyz
Password:	*****

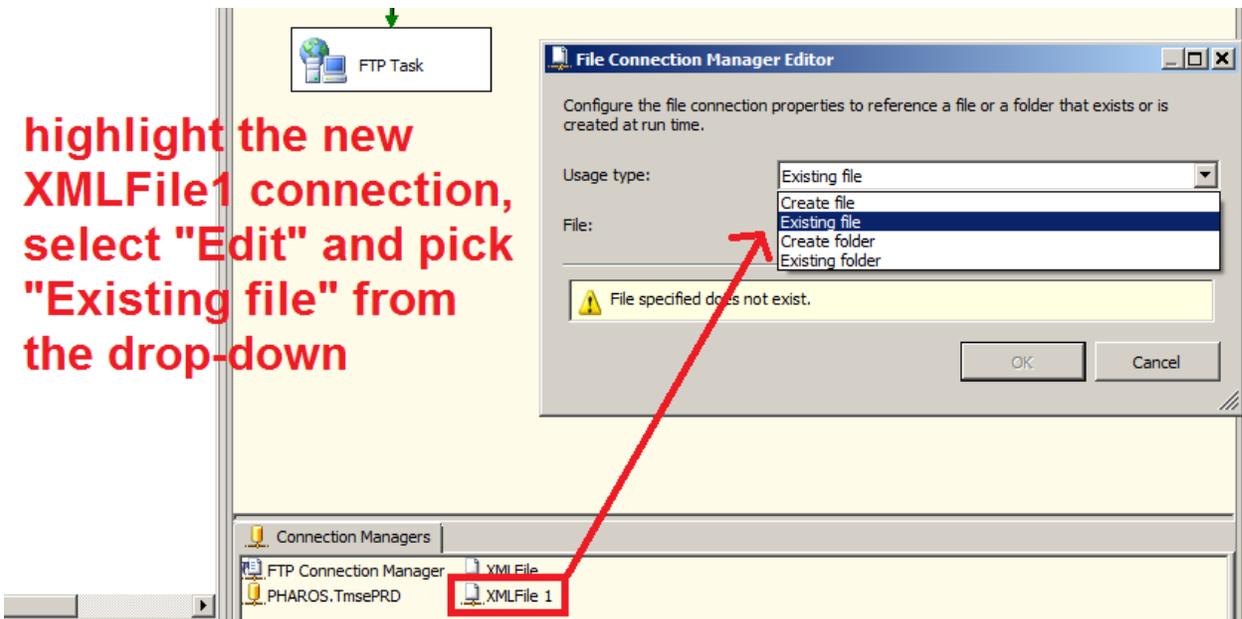
Options	
Time-out (in seconds):	60
<input type="checkbox"/> Use passive mode	
Retries:	5
Chunk size (in KB):	1

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Create the input XML file connection for this FTP step by copy/pasting the existing output XML file connection. That way we make sure that the script which generates a file name containing the date will be exactly the same and the correct file will be uploaded.



The new file connection will automatically be called XMLFile1 and will inherit all properties from the existing XMLFile.



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We need to change the Usage Type property from "create file" (copied from XMLFile) to "Existing file". The warning message "File specified does not exist" is due to the date script calculating a file-name with today's date in it. To be able to proceed and save the properties for XMLFile1 you need to browse to an existing file from a previous test run. Don't worry about the file name, this will be overwritten once the package executes.

Now we will configure the FTP Task in our package, using the FTP Connection Manager and the XMLFile1 connection which we just created.

highlight the FTP Task, select "Edit", and set the FtpConnection property on the General tab

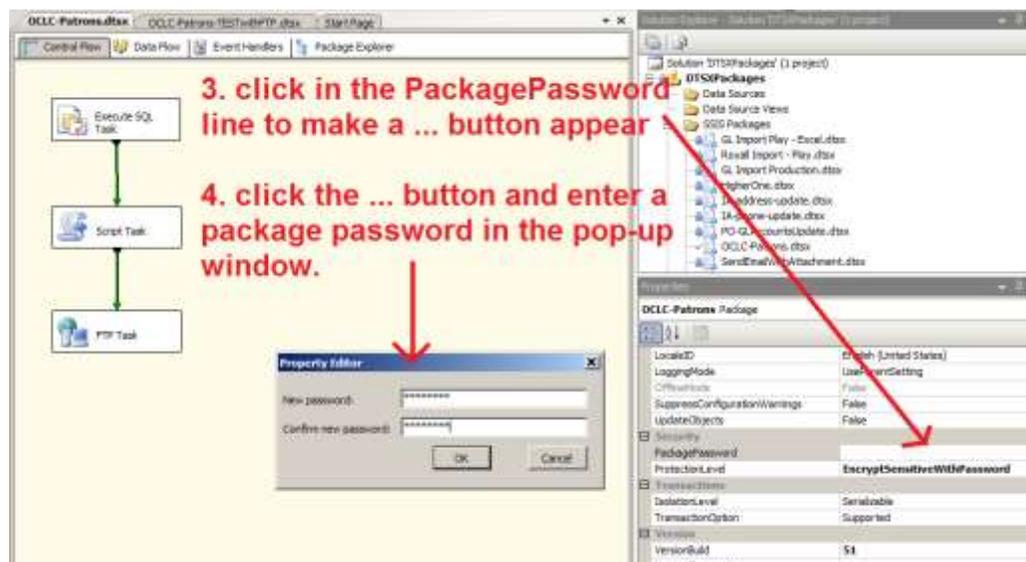
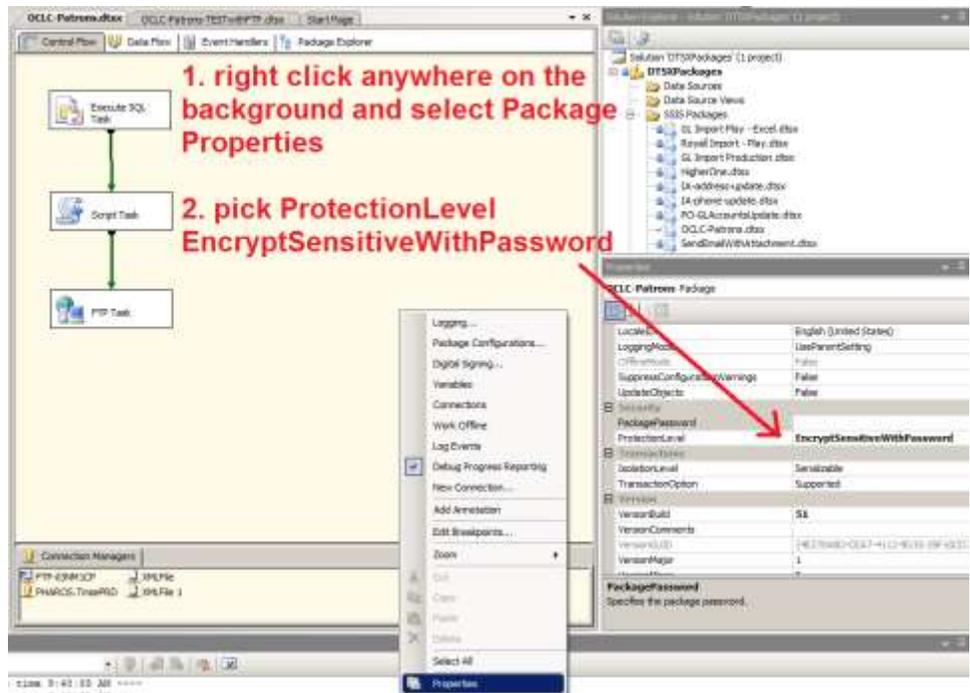
on the "File Transfer" tab set the LocalPath to your XMLFile1 and the RemotePath to the one for OCLC

Remote Path for test:
/wms/test/in/patron

For production:
/wms/in/patron

4.4. Running the SSIS Package in Batch

To be able to set up a SQL Server Agent Job that executes the SSIS package, including the FTP step, automatically the package needs to be deployed with protection level “EncryptSensitiveWithPassword” and a password needs to be stored with the package and provided with the batch job.



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Now the SSIS package has been encrypted with a password the SQL Server Agent job, or anybody wanting to execute the package, will need to pass that password to be able to decrypt and run it.

In .bat jobs using DTEXEC the password is passed on with the */De password* option. For the SQL Server Agent we provide the password when we edit the step that executes our SSIS package.

To make this easy to remember, I picked the FTP password for our package password too.

